

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A vehicle door module comprising:
a support element including a service opening;
an outer panel element to close said service opening, said outer panel element including an edge zone; and
a spacing element having an adjustable dimension to fasten said outer panel element to said support element, wherein at least part of said edge zone of said outer panel element is provided with said spacing element, and said spacing element has said adjustable dimension to adjust a distance between said support element and said outer panel element; and
an elongated stiffening element provided in said edge zone of said outer panel element, wherein said spacing element contacts said elongated stiffening element.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is a settable plastic.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 14, wherein said settable plastic is a heat sensitive adhesive.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 15, wherein said heat sensitive adhesive is reversibly heat-sensitive.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said support element.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said spacing element is adjustable in at least two directions.

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20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 4913, wherein said elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said elongated stiffening element is continuously sealed along said support element.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element and said outer panel element form a hollow chamber.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 16 further including a heater, wherein said heater heats said heat sensitive adhesive to remove said outer panel element from said support element.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, further including an interior panel element.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element includes at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said support element is connected to at least one of a hinge and a closure element.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, ~~further including anywherein~~ said elongated stiffening element is secured to said outer panel element.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 27, wherein said spacing element connects said outer panel element to said elongated stiffening element.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein said outer panel element is detachably joined to said support element.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door module according to claim 20, wherein said elongated stiffening element is detachably joined to said support element by at least one fastener.

31-32. (CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 4913, wherein said elongated stiffening element has a substantially trapezoidal cross-section.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 4913, wherein said elongated stiffening element is substantially hollow.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door module as recited in claim 4913, wherein two sides of said elongated stiffening element are joined to said outer panel element.

36. (NEW) The vehicle door module according to claim 13, wherein the spacing element contacts two surfaces of the elongated stiffening element.

37. (NEW) The vehicle door module according to claim 36, wherein the two surfaces are substantially perpendicular.